Assembly Bill No. 782

CHAPTER 113

An act to amend Sections 33030 and 33320.1 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to redevelopment.

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AB 782, Mullin. Redevelopment: project area.

The Community Redevelopment Law authorizes the establishment of redevelopment agencies in communities to address the effects of blight, as defined, in those communities. That law also specifies both the physical and economic conditions that cause blight and defines a project area as a "predominantly urbanized" area of a community that is a blighted area. One criterion of blight is that the land in the project area is characterized by the existence of subdivided lots of irregular form and shape and inadequate size for proper usefulness and development that are in multiple ownership.

This bill would delete this criterion from the definition of "blight" for purposes of these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33030 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

- 33030. (a) It is found and declared that there exist in many communities blighted areas which constitute physical and economic liabilities, requiring redevelopment in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of these communities and of the state.
 - (b) A blighted area is one that contains both of the following:
- (1) An area that is predominantly urbanized, as that term is defined in Section 33320.1, and is an area in which the combination of conditions set forth in Section 33031 is so prevalent and so substantial that it causes a reduction of, or lack of, proper utilization of the area to such an extent that it constitutes a serious physical and economic burden on the community which cannot reasonably be expected to be reversed or alleviated by private enterprise or governmental action, or both, without redevelopment.
- (2) An area that is characterized by one or more conditions set forth in any paragraph of subdivision (a) of Section 33031 and one or more conditions set forth in any paragraph of subdivision (b) of Section 33031.

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- (c) A blighted area also may be one that contains the conditions described in subdivision (b) and is, in addition, characterized by the existence of inadequate public improvements, parking facilities, or utilities.
- SEC. 2. Section 33320.1 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 33320.1. (a) "Project area" means, except as provided in Section 33320.2, 33320.3, 33320.4, or 33492.3, a predominantly urbanized area of a community that is a blighted area, the redevelopment of which is necessary to effectuate the public purposes declared in this part, and that is selected by the planning commission pursuant to Section 33322.
- (b) As used in this section, "predominantly urbanized" means that not less than 80 percent of the land in the project area is either of the following:
 - (1) Has been or is developed for urban uses.
- (2) Is an integral part of one or more areas developed for urban uses that are surrounded or substantially surrounded by parcels that have been or are developed for urban uses. Parcels separated by only an improved right-of-way shall be deemed adjacent for the purpose of this subdivision.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, a parcel of property as shown on the official maps of the county assessor is developed if that parcel is developed in a manner that is either consistent with zoning or is otherwise permitted under law.
- (d) The requirement that a project be predominantly urbanized shall apply only to a project area for which a final redevelopment plan is adopted on or after January 1, 1984, or to an area that is added to a project area by an amendment to a redevelopment plan, which amendment is adopted on or after January 1, 1984.